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Art Unit: 3749 : **Serial No.: 10/722,297**
Fax: (703) 872.9306 : **Applicant: Laura Suggs Stinnett**
From: Rozell Williams, Jr. : **Atty. Dkt. No.: 9D-HL-25129**

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OF WASHING MACHINES

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 claims small entity status.
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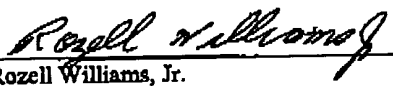
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
_____ second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
_____ third month	\$1,020.00	\$ 510.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
_____ fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

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OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

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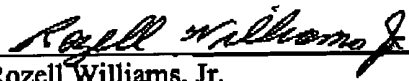
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In response to the Final Office Action dated December 28, 2004, and made final,
Applicants hereby submit the following remarks and request reconsideration of the present claim
rejections.